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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/828451
<i>Filing Date</i>	April 6, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	James G. Skakoon
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3737
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Unknown
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	723.031US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled DEEP ORGAN ACCESS DEVICE AND METHOD.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
  - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
  - An Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 ( pages ) is enclosed. R
  - A new power of attorney ( pages ) is enclosed.
  - An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed ( 1 page ). TECHN  
a. 1 Form(s) 1449  
b. 41 Copies of IDS Citations
  - A check in the amount of \$375.00 is attached to pay the RCE filing fee required.
  - The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.
  - A petition for extension of time in the prior application ( pages ) is enclosed along with the application to pay the extension fee.
  - Others: COMMUNICATION CONCERNING CO-PENDING APPLICATION

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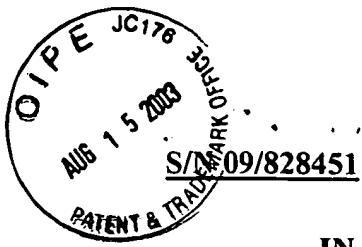
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**PATENT**

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Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related co-pending application(s) in the above-identified patent application:

<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>Attorney Docket</b>	<b>Title</b>
09/932,141	August 17, 2001	723.018US1	TRAJECTORY GUIDE WITH INSTRUMENT IMMOBILIZER

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